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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BEATTY ET AL.

Examiner

Leonardo Andújar

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group I (claims 1-12 and 14) in the reply filed on 05/02/2006 is acknowledged.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the embodiment having two fluid channels (e.g. one outside and one within the die shadow) according to claim 14, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

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the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US 6,756,2512).

5. Regarding claims 1 and 9, Lee (e.g. fig. 17) shows a die 20 including an active surface a substrate 110 electrically coupled to and an interposer 40 between the die and the substrate, wherein interposer has a body with a first surface, an opposite second surface, and a fluid channel 60 passing through the body from the first surface to the second surface; and under fill mixture dispensed between the interposer and the substrate using capillary flow (col. 10/1-20).

6. Regarding claim 2, Lee shows the first surface is adapted to receive the die on the die-receiving portion thereof. Also, the die-receiving portion includes an outline defining a die shadow region in a direction from the first surface to the second surface, wherein the fluid channel lies in the die shadow region.

7. Regarding claim 3, Lee shows that the fluid channel includes a vent hole to facilitate capillary flow to underfill mixture dispensed between the interposer and the substrate.

8. Regarding claim 4, Lee shows that the underfill mixture dispensed between the interposer and the substrate includes, a meniscus formed within the vent hole, and the meniscus substantially prevents the underfill from exiting the surface of the interposer (e.g. fig. 15).

9. Regarding claim 5, Lee shows most aspects of the instant invention including channel 60 disposed outside of the die shadow region (e.g. fig. 13). Note that the interposer 40 include a plurality of channels.

10. Regarding claim 6, Lee shows that the fluid channel includes a microchannel thorough where the underfill is dispensed. Note that any channel includes other sections that can be recognized as microchannel. Furthermore, the size of any channel can be expressed in micrometers.

11. Regarding claim 7, Lee shows that at least two fluid channels are formed in the interposer (e.g. fig. 13).

12. Regarding claims 8 and 14, Lee shows that at least two fluid channels 60 in the interposer includes a vent hole within a die shadow region and a micro channel 60 that lies outside of the die shadow region, wherein underfill is disposed into the micro channel and between the interposer and the substrate (e.g. fig. 13 and 17). Since the shadow region is defined by one chip any other channel, covered by another chip or not, is considered to outside the region.

13. Regarding claim 10, Lee shows that the fluid channel is substantially centered in the interposer.

14. Regarding claim 11, Lee shows that the fluid channel includes a vent hole within a die shadow region to facilitate capillary flow of the underfill mixture dispensed between the interposer and the substrate.

Conclusion

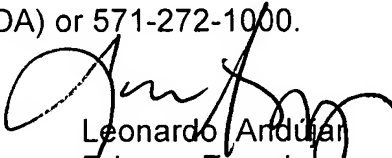
15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Pu, Galuschki and Chye show embodiment having underfill channels.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonardo Andújar whose telephone number is 571-272-1912. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon through Thu from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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